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SUBJECT: AIRLINE SECURITY BILL

- 1. THE KNESSET ON JANUARY 10 REFERRED AN AIRLINE SECURITY
  BILL TO COMMITTEE AFTER ITS FIRST READING. ACCORDING TO
  THE PRESS, THE NEW LAW GIVES THE TRANSPORT MINISTER
  BROADER POWERS TO INSTITUTE SECURITY REQUIREMENTS AMONG ALL
  AIRLINES OPERATING IN, TO, OR FROM ISRAEL. IT PROVIDES FOR
  SEARCHING PASSENGERS AND CARGO AND FORBIDS AIRLINES TO
  TRANSPORT PASSENGERS WHO REFUSE TO BE SEARCHED, OR CARGO WHOSE
  OWNERS DID NOT PERMIT SECURITY CHECKS. THE BILL WOULD IMPOSE
  A THREE-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE AND A IL 250,000 FINE ON
  VIOLATORS, AND PROVIDE FOR RESTRICTING OR DENYING LANDING
  RIGHTS OR OPERATING LICENSES OF OFFENDING AIRLINES.
- 2. IN A CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF ON JANURY 14, TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL (SECURITY) GUY STATED THAT EVEN WITHOUT THE NEW LAW THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION CAN REQUEST AIR CARRIERS TO COMPLY WITH SECURITY REGULATIONS. THE MINISTER, WITH THE NEW LAW, COULD CONCEIVABLY APPLY SANCTIONS TO CARRIERS NOT COMPLYING. BUT, GUY MADE CLEAR, THIS IS UNLIKELY TO OCCUR. THE NEW LAW IS INTENDED TO HAVE MORE A "MORAL" LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAN A PRACTICAL EFFECT, AND IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT IT WILL LEAD TO CHANGES IN PRESENT GOI-AIR CARRIER RELATIONSHIPS.

3. COPY OF PROPOSED NEW LAW WILL BE POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS RECEIVED AND TRANSLATED. DUNNIGAN

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